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## Representative Lily Morgan Applauds House Passage of Legislation Addressing Fentanyl Crisis

**SALEM, OR** –Representative Lily Morgan (R-Grants Pass) announced the passage of House Bill 2645A (59-1) on Oregon's Birthday. This legislation allows fentanyl to be charged in pill form and recognizes fentanyl possession as a misdemeanor when an individual possesses more than 1 gram but less than 5.

According to CDC data, there were more than 73,000 overdoses across the United States from fentanyl last year. According to the Oregon Health Authority, fentanyl is now the second leading cause of unintentional overdose in Oregon.

Representative Lily Morgan (R-Grants Pass) and Representative Jeff Helfrich (R-Hood River) were Chief Sponsors of the legislation.

"Fentanyl is wreaking havoc across Oregon. This is a pain my community knows all too well. We must do everything possible to save lives, and this legislation is a step in the right direction," **said Representative Morgan (R-Grants Pass).** "I thank my House colleagues for supporting this legislation and urge the Senate to move swiftly and pass House Bill 2645A."

Representative Lily Morgan represents House District 3 which includes Grants Pass and the greater Josephine County.